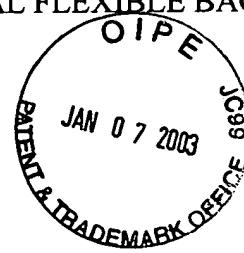


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 2, 2002. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

In the Specification:

Please substitute the specification and abstract with the enclosed substitute specification and abstract.

Please amend the paragraph in the "Related Applications" section on page 1 of the substitute specification to read as follows.

This Application is a continuation of Application Serial Number 09/316,165 filed May 21, 1999 which is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/IB97/01458, filed November 18, 1997. U.S. Serial No. 09/316,165 and International Application No. PCT/IB97/01458 are hereby incorporated herein by reference, and made a part hereof.

Please amend the paragraph of the substitute specification at page 1, line 17-page 2, line 2 to read as follows.

Numerous prior art systems for manufacturing flexible containers, or bags, for use with infusion solutions in the medical field are known. For example, U.S. Patent No. 4,656,813, describes a system for industrial production of these types of bags. These bags are sometimes generally referred to as form, fill and seal (F.F.S.) containers. These bags typically have a

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